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 For : COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING OESTRONE-3-O-SULPHAMATE AND TRAIL (TNF-RELATED APOPTOSIS INDUCING LIGAND)
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 Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 24, 2004 setting a one-month period for reply and requiring election of a single Group of claims for examination. Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I. As October 24, 2004 fell on a Sunday, this response is being filed the following business day, Monday, October 25, 2004. Accordingly, this response is being filed prior to the end of the period for reply and it is therefore believed that no fees are due by entry of this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees, to Deposit Account 50-0320.

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The Office Action required restriction from among:

Group I: Claims 1-36 and 41-43, drawn to compositions comprising a sulphamate compound and an apoptosis inducer and a method of preventing or inhibiting growth of tumor cells using the composition, classified in class 530, subclass 351; and

Group II: Claims 37-40, drawn to a method of upregulating receptor function of a TRAIL receptor comprising contacting a cell comprising the TRAIL receptor with a sulphamate compound, classified in class 514, subclass 169.

Applicants respectfully elect the claims of Group I, i.e., claims 1-36 and 41-43 for search and examination. As this application has been granted special status, this election is being made without prejudice in order to further the expedited prosecution. Applicants may elect to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,
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